



Nevada Head Start

... we are bound together in our desire to see the world become a place in which our children can grow free and strong. ~ James Taylor, from Shed a Little Light

Head Start Makes a Difference

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded, comprehensive child development programs that serve pregnant women and children from birth to age five living at or below poverty. Only 9% of Nevada's eligible children are currently being served, leaving approximately 91% of eligible children in need of services. In Early Head Start, ARRA funds provide services for only 0.25% of eligible infants and toddlers.

Purpose: Head Start promotes school readiness and enhances social and cognitive development, ensuring that health, nutrition, mental health and parent involvement are fully incorporated into services.

Results: Longitudinal studies and evaluations reveal that children demonstrate improved skills in vocabulary, writing and social competence after completing Head Start programs. This means children are ready for school, more likely to graduate and less likely to enter the criminal justice system. Children in Early Head Start programs perform better in cognitive and language development.

Did you know?

Head Start children are at least eight percentage points more likely to have had their immunizations than those children who did not attend preschool.



More than 94% of Nevada Head Start children were up to date on their immunizations.

The benefits of Head Start programs outweigh the costs from as much as \$7.00 to \$1.00.



In Nevada, for every dollar that is spent on early childhood programs, the State saves up to \$17.00 down the road.



Bringing it home

During 2009, the State of Nevada spent over **\$25,000 per inmate at a rural state prison**. During that same year only a little over **\$9,000 was spent per Head Start child**.

Head Start children are significantly less likely to have been charged with a crime than their siblings who did not participate in Head Start programs.

What is your priority on how money should be spent?

Head Start programs must serve at least 10% of children who have a disability or special need.



Head Start programs in Nevada served more than 17% of children who have a disability or special need.

Quality early childhood programs enable one out of every ten workers to work productively or attend school or training.



380 Head Start parents were enrolled in training or school programs.

Head Start parents who are trained to handle common children's ailments, save \$198.00 per family in Medicaid costs.

A higher proportion of Head Start parents read to their children more frequently compared to parents whose children were not enrolled in Head Start programs.



Nevada Head Start Programs

Nevada Head Start programs are located in three unique and distinct geographic areas throughout the state: urban, rural, and frontier communities, ranging in population from 80 to over 1,000,000 people and encompassing 110,540 square miles. Ten of Nevada's seventeen counties are served by Head Start. 3,462 children received services in the 2009-2010 school year. Without the ARRA funding, 346 children enrolled in Head Start programs will lose needed services.

NEVADA HEAD START LOCATIONS & CONTACTS

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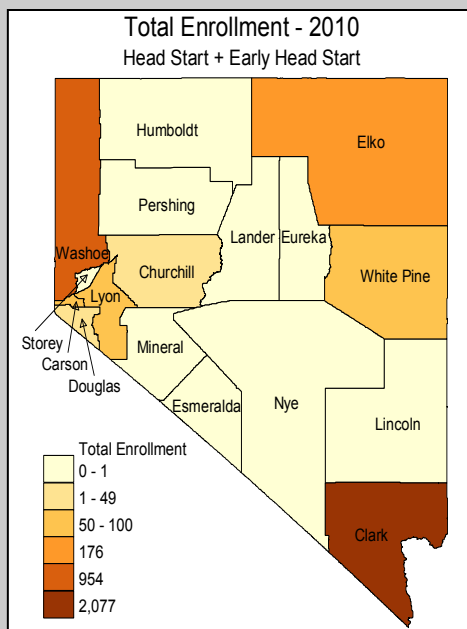
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